

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic-mail (e-mail) method for distributing an e-mail message from an e-mail client to selected ones ~~members~~ of a ~~pre-determined~~ distribution list via an e-mail server, comprising:

addressing, using the e-mail client, the e-mail message to the ~~pre-determined~~ distribution list; and

selecting, using the e-mail client, a subtractive list, which when applied to the ~~pre-determined-distribution~~ list, determines a modified distribution list comprising members of the ~~pre-determined-distribution~~ list not present in the subtractive ~~list~~; and

submitting, by the e-mail client, an indicator of the distribution list and an indicator of the subtractive list to the e-mail server so that the e-mail server may determine the modified distribution list for said distributing to selected members of the distribution list.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing the e-mail message to an e-mail server operable to distributedistributing, by the e-mail server, the e-mail message to members of the modified distribution list.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, ~~wherein the e-mail server is further comprising operable to apply~~ applying, by the e-mail server, the subtractive list to the ~~pre-determined-distribution~~ list to determine the modified distribution list.

4-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the distribution list is a selected one of: a manually created list, ~~and~~ or an automatically generated list identifying members sharing a common characteristic.

8-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) An electronic-mail (e-mail) method for distributing an e-mail message from an e-mail client to selected ones ~~members of a pre-determined distribution list via an e-mail server~~, comprising:

receiving from the e-mail client, by the e-mail server, an e-mail message addressed to a first indicator for a ~~pre-determined~~ the distribution list;

receiving from the e-mail client, by the e-mail server, a second indicator for a subtractive list, which when applied to the ~~pre-determined~~ distribution list, determines a modified distribution list comprising members of the ~~pre-determined~~ distribution list not present in the subtractive list; and

distributing the e-mail message to each member of the modified distribution list.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

first identifying, by the e-mail server, based at least in part on the first indicator, the members of the ~~pre-determined~~ distribution list;

second identifying, by the e-mail server, based at least in part on the second indicator, the members of the subtraction list; and

determining, by the e-mail server, the modified distribution list based at least in part on membership of the ~~pre-determined~~ list and the subtraction list.

12. (Currently Amended) An article comprising a machine-accessible media having associated data for distributing from an e-mail client an e-mail message to selected ~~ones~~ members of a pre-determined-distribution list via an e-mail server, wherein the data, when accessed, results in a machine performing:

addressing, using the e-mail client, the e-mail message to the pre-determined distribution list; and

selecting, using the e-mail client, a subtractive list, which when applied to the pre-determined-distribution list, determines a modified distribution list comprising members of the pre-determined-distribution list not present in the subtractive list; and

submitting, by the e-mail client, at least an indicator of the pre-determined distribution list and an indicator of the subtractive list to the e-mail server so that the e-mail server may determine the modified distribution list for said distributing to selected members of the distribution list.

13-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The article of claim ~~[[15]]~~ 12 wherein the machine-accessible media further includes data, when accessed, results in the machine performing:

receiving, by the e-mail client, from the remote e-mail server an indicator of the modified distribution list; and

automatically re-addressing, by the e-mail client, the e-mail message to ~~indicator of the modified distribution list, wherein the e-mail server is operable to distribute the e-mail message.~~

17-19. (Canceled)

20. (New) An electronic-mail (e-mail) method for distributing an e-mail message to selected members of first and second distribution lists, comprising:

addressing the e-mail message to the first and the second distribution lists;

and

selecting a subtractive list, which when applied to the first and the second distribution lists, determines a modified distribution list comprising members of the first and the second distribution lists that are members of both the first and the second distributions lists.

21. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the modified distribution list comprises only those members that are members of both the first and the second distribution lists and that are also present in the subtractive list.

22. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the modified distribution list comprises only those members that are members of both the first and the second distribution lists and that are not present in the subtractive list.

23. (New) An article comprising a machine-accessible media having associated data for distributing from an e-mail client an e-mail message to selected members of a distribution list via an e-mail server, wherein the data, when accessed, results in a machine performing:

receiving from the e-mail client, by the e-mail server, an e-mail message addressed to a first indicator for a distribution list;

receiving from the e-mail client, by the e-mail server, a second indicator for a subtractive list, which when applied to the distribution list, determines a modified distribution list comprising members of the distribution list not present in the subtractive list; and

distributing the e-mail message to each member of the modified distribution list.

24. (New) The method of claim 23 , further comprising:

first identifying, by the e-mail server, based at least in part on the first indicator, the members of the distribution list;

second identifying, by the e-mail server, based at least in part on the second indicator, the members of the subtractive list; and

determining, by the e-mail server, the modified distribution list based at least in part on membership of the distribution list and the subtraction list.